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Notes for His Highness in connection with
Mr. Barton's interview prior to his departure to Simla.

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1. Mr. Banerji's visit to Simla.

I am anxious to take advantage of your visit to Simla to send Mr. Banerji there to discuss certain important questions with Sir John Wood in your presence, and to explain to him our present financial position and policy. I feel that the attitude of the Government of India towards Mysore is not very sympathetic nowadays, at any rate, not actively friendly, and I feel confident that Mr. Banerji will be able to convince the Government of India that we do not deserve the unkind treatment which we have been receiving lately at their hands

2. The C. & M. Station Surplus.

We are going to send a representation to the Government of India, protesting against their last communication to us on the subject of the C. & M. Station Surplus, The decision which they have now communicated is quite inconsistent with their previous orders on the subject, which were passed after prolonged correspondence extending over a very long period, and this represented the considered judgment of the British Government. This recent decision was therefore, altogether unexpected by us, and has caused us much embarrassment financially, not to speak of the political aspect of the matter. I never thought that the Government of India,

having once given their word to us, would go back on it.

There is also the question of the futher development and extension of the Station, which, as we pointed out to the Government of India recently (but no proper reply was sent to our representation), affects the State intimately I cannot but feel anxious about it all.

3. The Subsidy. Then again, no reply has been received yet in regard to our representation on the subject of the Subsidy. The matter seems to be still pending with the Government of India although it is now over a year since we wrote to them. I hear that until last month the papers had not been submitted to the Secretary of State, inspite of one or two reminder from him, and they are probably still under consideration at Simla. To my mind, this is an indication, to put it mildly, of indifference on the part of the Government of India, even in regard to matters of great importance to Mysore

4. The Cauvery Arbitration. As you know, we have done our best to come to some settlement with the Madras Engineers, and if the negotiation should fall through, as seems likely to be the case, ~~and~~ you will, I hope, agree that it will be no fault of ours.

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